

BAKER'S DEATH DUE  
TO ARSENIC POISONTestimony of Dr. Boos, Who  
Analyzed Stomach.

## NO SIGNS OF ANY DISEASE

Ex-Coroner Lees Angered by  
Examination.Tells Coroner De Maud He Is No  
Gentleman for Asking Him if He  
Had Received Money for Allowing  
Law to Be Violated—Harry Lee  
Describes Occurrences of Night  
of Tragedy and Auto Trip.

Hackensack, N. J., March 11.—Dr. George B. Magrath, William F. Boos, and Charles Harrington, medical experts of Boston, were witnesses examined this afternoon at the continuation of the coroner's inquiry into the death of Walter F. Baker.

Dr. Magrath, who performed the autopsy in Boston on the morning of October 28, is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School and a medical examiner of Boston.

He testified that his examination of the body disclosed that all of the organs were normal. There was no evidence of heart disease or kidney trouble. He removed entirely the stomach and turned it inside out personally to Dr. Boos for chemical analysis. He found no ulcers in the lining of the stomach or any changes in the organs that were not the result of embalming.

## Baker's Death Discussed.

He went to the Lenox Hotel after the autopsy in company with Baker's brother Edward. There he met Mr. and Mrs. Hurd, Mrs. Young, and Mr. Bringham.

There was a conversation about Baker's death. The trip from New York to Boston, N. J., in an automobile, was described by Mrs. Hurd, who also spoke of the blueish spots found on Baker's chest immediately after death.

Dr. Boos, a graduate of Harvard, next testified. He said he had examined portions of Baker's liver, kidney, brain, and stomach. He found arsenic in all, amounting to five grains.

Witness then handed the coroner the tubes containing the arsenic removed from Baker's stomach. He described the symptoms of arsenic poisoning: an intense pain in abdomen, irritation of the throat, feeling of lassitude, and vomiting.

## Death Due to Arsenic.

He gave it as his opinion that Baker's death was due to arsenical poisoning. He had examined samples of the embalming fluid sent him by Undertaker Ricardo, and found no traces of arsenic.

To questions by Prosecutor Koster, the doctor said that arsenic administered after death would probably cause decided changes in the body which would be easily recognized. The witness also said, in answer to the prosecutor's question, it was difficult to determine the amount of arsenic administered to Baker because some of the poison was undoubtedly removed by vomiting.

Dr. Harrington, also a graduate of Harvard, the next witness, testified that he had examined the contents of the stomach, and had found two and a half grains of arsenic. The arsenic was in his possession, at Boston. He declared, in his opinion, that Baker died of arsenical poison.

## Answers Hypothetical Question.

He was asked by the prosecutor whether, if arsenic, administered in champagne punch, taken at 7 p. m., would produce vomiting at 10 p. m. He replied that symptoms would develop in a shorter time than that. He stated that arsenic placed in the stomach of a dead person would not be absorbed by the brain in several weeks.

## Ex-Coroner Lee Angry.

Ex-Coroner A. D. Lee, who gave the burial permit for Baker, was the first witness examined after recess to-night. Pertinent questions asked by Coroner De Maud caused him to show indignation on the stand.

He said he was notified of Baker's death at 6:45 a. m. on October 27; went to the house at 12:45 on that day; could not tell whether the body had been embalmed or not; the indications were that the man had died suddenly.

Asked if he got any money for allowing the law to be violated, he replied: "No. And you're no gentleman to ask me such questions."

Asked why he had not appeared at the hearing, Tuesday night, he said he was not notified to appear.

## Lee Tells What Occurred.

Harry Lee, of New York, who was with Baker some time on the night he was taken sick, described the occurrences of the evening.

He met Baker, who was strictly sober, in Brown's chop house, at 9:30 p. m. They had a drink together. Baker asked where he could hire an automobile. Kid McCoy's garage was suggested.

They went there and hired the machine to take Baker, the Hurd, and Mrs. Young to Bogota. Afterward they stopped at several hotels, among them Hotel Rialto, where Baker, after drinking a glass of seltzer, became ill.

They returned to Brown's chop house. There Baker engaged a room for the night, telling Lee to go to the Noltingham in the auto and inform the Hurd, he (Baker) would remain in New York, instead of going to Jersey, as agreed earlier in the evening.

## Said He Had Been Poisoned.

Baker told witness several times he had been poisoned.

The Hurd party rode with Lee to Brown's chop house and went to Baker's room. Baker asked for a doctor. Hurd insisted on his going to Bogota, where he could have proper attention.

Hurd assisted Baker to dress and the party started for Jersey. Dr. Charles D. Underhill, of Newberry street, Boston, who was present at the autopsy, testified he had known Baker since October 1, 1904; had treated him professionally, the last time about September 1, 1907; the examination of Baker at that time showed that his heart was sound, and there were no indications of Bright's disease.

The inquest will be continued Friday at 3 o'clock.

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## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Rain to-day; to-morrow, fair; fresh southwesterly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.  
1—Bookmakers Beaten in New York.  
1—Analyst Says Baker Was Poisoned.  
3—Thaw's Mother named in Evelyn's Suit.  
2—Reactor Wends His Old Sweetheart.  
2—Boston Republicans Against Taft.  
2—Oklahoma Instructs Taft Delegates.  
2—Department Qualifies Midshipmen.  
2—Maryland Halts Prohibition Wave.LOCAL.  
1—Gambling at Benning to Be Stopped.  
1—Dr. Bovee Dismissed from Hospital.  
1—Daylight Robbery in N Street.  
2—Traction Company Elects Hamilton.  
2—Minister Wu at White House.  
2—Stock Exchanges to Be Investigated.  
2—Gen. Joubert Addresses Mothers.  
2—Bieber Denies the Land Story.  
4—Vote on Aldrich Bill Delayed.  
2—Two Licenses to Wed a Girl.  
2—Another Chapter in Colton Will.  
12—Chief Belt Visits the Schools.

## EELS ON VANDERBILT FARM.

Millionaire Forced to Close Estate  
Against Lazy Fishermen.

Sayville, L. I., March 11.—William K. Vanderbilt has closed his estate, Idle Hour, against eel rakers, just when they had discovered that the creeks on his property were full of eels, which could be caught without any labor.

Tidewater runs through the Vanderbilt grounds twice every twenty-four hours, and many thousands of eels have come up with the tide and lodged in the small creeks where the water was warm. The eelers were making a mint out of the situation when Mr. Vanderbilt's superintendent built a dam across the lower end of the main stream, cutting off the eels supply and causing the eelers to go back to real work.

## BENEDICT SEVEN YEARS.

Philadelphia's Ideal "Bachelor"  
Leaves a Pretty Widow.

Philadelphia, March 11.—By the filing of his will and the subsequent appearance of his widow at the City Hall, as testator for his estate, it was disclosed late this afternoon that William Fisher Lewis, society leader, scion of a noted Quaker family, and known in two continents as an ideal bachelor, had been married for seven years without the knowledge of either his family or fellow-clubmen.

His widow is a pretty pink-cheeked matron of middle age, formerly Miss Emily G. Bentzen, a housekeeper at the Hotel Malvern, Bar Harbor, Me. She comes of a New England family.

Mr. Lewis leaves her an estate the lowest valuation of which is \$100,000 and the highest \$200,000.

While Mr. Lewis, considered to be wealthy, was toasted by clubmen of a dozen cities as America's most typical bachelor, his wife led a life of oblivion at a hotel in New York.

## ROBBED AT NOON IN STREET

Police Informed of One of the Bold-  
est Hold-ups in City.White Man and Negro Stop Colton  
E. Mass in N Street and Take  
His Money.

"Got any money? Well, hand it over!"

With these words, two of the boldest highwaymen that have operated in Washington stopped Carlton E. Mass, of 210 N. street northwest, yesterday, about noon, and robbed him.

Mass had just left his home, and was walking down N street. He says he noticed a negro and a white man approaching him, but paid little attention to them, until they stopped him. He did not realize their intention until one of them said:

"Got any money?"

He looked to see if there was any person near who might give aid, but the streets were deserted. Seeing resistance would be useless, Mass said:

"Yes."

"Well, hand it over, then," commanded the negro.

"And be quick about it," added the white man. "Some one will be coming along here in a minute."

Mass took \$2 from his pocket, and handed it to them, saying it was all of value he had on his person.

The men seemed dissatisfied, but hurried away, as a number of persons were seen coming down the street.

The police say this is one of the boldest hold-ups of the winter series. Women have recently been knocked down in dark streets and robbed, but heretofore the highwaymen have seemed afraid to work in the day.

At a late hour last night the police had made no headway in locating the men. They think they are men who have not had a hand in the robbery of women.

## CHINA'S FIRMNESS WINS.

Canton Viceroy Convinces Japan of  
Justness of Claim.

Pekin, March 11.—China, by her diplomatic manner of handling the Tatsu Maru affair, has succeeded in inducing Japan to provisionally accept the former's claim that the Portuguese side of the question should be treated separately from Japan's, and also sustaining the claim that China was justified in seizing the steamer and confiscating her cargo, on the ground that the cargo was discharged in Chinese waters.

China's firmness is largely attributable to the vigorous protests of the viceroy of Canton, who represented that the release of the Tatsu Maru would nullify Chinese treaty rights, customs regulations, and the imperial order forbidding the importation of arms.

The viceroy sent witnesses to Peking to support his contention. He was strongly backed by the Canton self-government association.

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## SMOTHERED.



## DR. BOVEE DISMISSED

Action Taken by Providence  
Hospital Official.

## UPHELD BY MEDICAL SOCIETY

Committee Reports in Physician's  
Favor, and It Is Decided that No  
Member of Organization Shall Succeed  
Him—Performs Operation Said  
to Be Contrary to Rules of Church.

Members of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia are stirred by the dismissal of Dr. J. Wesley Bovee from the staff of physicians at Providence Hospital. The society held one of the largest meetings in its history on Tuesday night at George Washington University to consider the case.

The members' automobiles, lining either side of Fifteenth street, from New York avenue to H street, left a narrow path, illuminated by electric lamps.

A reporter for The Washington Herald was denied admission to the meeting of the medical men, being informed that it was purely a professional as well as a secret affair.

## Expert in His Profession.

Dr. Bovee is one of the best known gynecologists of the country. He is also one of the most popular of the members of the medical society, as was attested by the large turn-out at the meeting in question, and which was held for no one except action on his dismissal, an act performed by a hospital superintendent.

This action, however, was not taken until Dr. Bovee had refused to hand in his resignation. It is understood the physician was let out because of an operation, which, while fully in accord with the ethics of his profession, was not in harmony with the rules of the church.

## Report by Committee.

At the meeting of the society a committee previously appointed to investigate the dismissal, reported that Dr. Bovee's operation, which had required great skill in surgery, was in harmony with medical ethics.

On presentation of this report, the society voted unanimously, it is said, to recommend that Dr. Bovee's place at the Providence Hospital be filled by no one connected with the society, and that he be fully exonerated of any charge of unprofessional conduct.

In speaking of Dr. Bovee's case, a prominent physician, who refused to allow his name to be used, explained the affair as he understood it.

"About the middle of February," he said, "a woman was admitted to Providence Hospital who needed skillful attention. Dr. Bovee, who is recognized as an authority in his particular line—that of gynecology—was the attending physician."

"After an examination he saw an operation was the only resort left to save the woman's life. He performed an operation and the woman recovered."

"Shortly thereafter Dr. Bovee received a letter asking that he forward his resignation. Dr. Bovee declined to comply with the request. As a result he was dismissed."

"Dr. Bovee notified the medical society, and asked that his act at Providence Hospital be investigated. His request was complied with and he has been exonerated."

"Dr. Bovee is silent."

Dr. Bovee, when seen last night at the Grafton Hotel, where he was dining, refused to discuss the case.

"I have done nothing to be ashamed of," he said, "and do not care to discuss any alleged trouble at Providence Hospital."

"Were you dismissed from the hospital?" he was asked.

"If a grocer boy wants to quit his job, and does so, do you call that dismissal?" he replied.

No statement could be obtained at the hospital, other than that Dr. Bovee was no longer connected with that institution. The Medical Society is determined to stand by Dr. Bovee, while the authorities at Providence Hospital are resolved that Dr. Bovee shall not be connected with the institution in the future.

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## KING HONORS GOV. GUILD.

Massachusetts Man Now Grand  
Officer of Italy's Crown.

Boston, Mass., March 11.—Gov. Guild has been officially notified by the Italian authorities that the King of Italy has made him a grand officer of the Crown of Italy.

It was said that his majesty wishes in this way to express to the people of Massachusetts through the governor his appreciation of the reception tendered last year to his cousin, the Duke of Abruzzi. The King is also appreciative of the endorsement of certain statutes during the past two years in Massachusetts tending to strengthen Italian banking institutions in Boston.

The decorations were bestowed at the suggestion of the Duke of Abruzzi. When Gov. Guild has recovered from his illness, the Italian consul here will invest him with the insignia. There are only 150 grand officers of the Crown of Italy.

Cambridge, Mass., March 11.—President Eliot has received word from the Marquis Bruno, the Italian consul in Boston, that he has been appointed grand officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel. The insignia of the office is to arrive in a few days. President Eliot has not received any notification direct from Italy of his appointment.

## NO ONE BLAMED FOR FIRE

Collinwood Coroner Says Building  
Was at Fault.Finds the Janitor Not Responsible  
and Asks State Law Be  
Enforced.

## Finds the Janitor Not Responsible

Cleveland, Ohio, March 11.—Coroner Burke rendered his decision in the Collinwood School fire to-day. The existing conditions are blamed, but no fault is charged to any one.

Fred Hirter, the janitor, is exonerated by the coroner, who says he found that he was at his post when the fire broke out, and that he duly gave the alarm upon discovering the fire, and that he opened the front and rear doors of the building.

The coroner found that the fire started in a closet under the front stairway, and was caused by overheated pipes, which ignited the stairway. The death of the children, says, was due to faulty construction, whereby a partition projected in front of the stairway at the bottom, making the children turn out of the way in their rush for the door.

He holds that the children became panic-stricken, and were jammed in the doorway because of the turn in the hall to get to the door.

He recommends that the State legislature pass a law to make all school buildings fireproof, and that automatic devices be put in the buildings to further safeguard the lives of the children.

## LEG CUT OFF; CRAWLS HOME.

Logger Displays Wonderful Vitality  
and Nerve, Only to Die at Last.

Victoria, British Columbia, March 11.—Andrew Stetson, a hand-logger resident of Vancouver, was working in one of the up-coast timber camps about a week ago, when a tree fell on him, cleanly severing his left leg at the knee.

Stetson succeeded in bandaging up the stump, and he dragged himself, slowly and painfully, two miles to the beach, at which place he had left his boat. He managed in some unexplainable fashion to row two miles to the settlement at Lund, where medical aid was obtained. This journey occupied fifteen hours. The man was so exhausted through loss of blood that he collapsed upon arrival, and died the following day.

The body was brought to Vancouver for interment.

## MME. ANNA GOULD SAILS.

Paris, March 11.—Mme. Anna Gould sailed to-day from Cherbourg for New York on the steamer Adriatic.

Replying to the query of The Washington Herald correspondent if the report was true that she was married to Prince de Sagan, Mme. Gould sent her card this afternoon with the words: "There is nothing true in the report."

## LOSSES \$182,549 IN DIAMONDS.

New York Man's Lawyer Says Debtors  
Hypnotized Client.

New York, March 11.—"Hypnotized my client," said Sol Oppenheimer to-day, when, on behalf of Rudolf A. Breidenbach, who says he gave up \$182,549 worth of diamonds to Maurice A. Dreshfield and George H. Carpenter in return for some paper promises to pay, he filed a petition in bankruptcy against Dreshfield and Carpenter.

Breidenbach gave up the diamonds between September 9 and December 30. It is alleged that Dreshfield and Carpenter in conjunction obtained the diamonds from Breidenbach on credit regarding the financial condition of Carpenter, as well as other false statements.

Breidenbach, relying on these statements, accepted thirty-three notes made by Carpenter, mostly payable to Dreshfield and indorsed by him.

Many of these notes have been protested for nonpayment, and Breidenbach alleges that Dreshfield and Carpenter never intended to pay for the diamonds.

## SUNK IN THE ELBE.

British Steamship Crosswell Goes  
Down After a Collision.

Hamburg, March 11.—The British steamship Crosswell, Capt. Appleton, from New York, February 21, for Hamburg, has been sunk in the River Elbe near Gluckstadt, after having been in collision with an unknown steamship.

The Crosswell was of 2,000 tons net register and was bound for West Hartlepool, England, in 1908. She was owned by Jones &amp; Prosser, of London.

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## DROPS BABY THREE FLOORS.

Policeman Catches Bundle Tossed  
Out by Fireman—Infant Unhurt.

Summit, N. J., March 11.—John MacNabb's tenement, on the third floor of a brick building in Summit avenue, was burned out this morning.

MacNabb and his wife got out all right, but a fireman found in bed in a room where the walls were on fire something which he hastily wrapped all the bedclothes about and tossed out of the window.

Policeman Smith saw the bundle coming his way and caught it. The bundle began to howl, and Smith found that the core was a baby. It was the youngest MacNabb, fourteen months old. He was not harmed.

## JAPANESE TO OPEN WAR.

Orientals in Mexico Will Fight the  
Yaqui Indians.

Mexico City, March 11.—The recent killing of a number of Japanese who were employed in the Milpillas ranch in Guaymas by a band of Yaqui Indians has aroused the other Japanese employed in that section and they have asked permission of the government to arm themselves and take revenge upon the Indians.

It is stated that the request will be granted.

## NEARING MAGDALENA BAY.

Battle-ship Fleet Sends Messages  
Via San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., March 11.—The navy wireless station at San Diego was in direct communication with the battle ship Connecticut off the Mexican coast to-day, and received and transmitted twenty-six official dispatches to Washington.

The exact position of the fleet was not indicated, but it must be within 400 miles of Magdalena Bay to-day.

## Programme for Reception.

The programme for the reception of the Atlantic battle ship fleet on the Pacific Coast, after the completion of target practice at Magdalena Bay, was given out at the Navy Department, yesterday, by Rear Admiral John Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation. The grand review of the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets in San Francisco Bay will take place on May 8. The fleet will arrive there on May 5. On its way up to San Francisco, the fleet will stop at San Diego, Santa Barbara, San Pedro, and Santa Cruz.

After the Secretary of the Navy has reviewed the fleet, and the Yorktown has anchored at the head of the line, the flag and commanding officers of both fleets will be received by him on board the Yorktown.

On the day of the review, all vessels will be full dressed, and at night the ships will illuminate. The plans for the future movements of all vessels of both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets after the review at San Francisco, have not as yet been made known.

## Vancouver Would See Our Fleet.

Ottawa, March 11.—Dr. MacPherson, M. P. for Vancouver, received a telegram to-day from Mayor Bethune, of Vancouver, asking him to get the Dominion government to invite the American battle-ship fleet to visit Vancouver. Mr. MacPherson will lay the matter before the government at once. It is probable that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be authorized to send a formal invitation.

## NEW YORK BOOKIES LOSE

Assembly Senate Committee Favors  
Anti-betting Bill.Gov. Hughes Objects to Amendment  
Making the Law Begin  
September 1.

Albany, March 11.—The race-track gamblers were badly beaten to-day in the first line-up in the fight against race-track betting.

The senate codes committee, by a vote of 5 to 2, reported favorably the Agnew-Hart amendment to the constitution, which makes bookmaking a misdemeanor of wagers a misdemeanor instead of a felony; makes imprisonment for not more than a year the penalty; removes the alternate penalty of a fine, and cuts out the clause which provided that where an exclusive penalty is provided by another law the code shall not operate.

Thus the bill makes the code effective against race-track gamblers, as well as against pool-room men, and provides a real penalty in place of the fines, which never bothered bookies.

The bill was reported with a McCarren amendment, fixing the time when it shall go into effect as September 1. This amendment prevailed by a vote of 4 to 2.

Gov. Hughes will not accept the amendment, the sole effect of which will be to give the Jockey Club four and one-half months of gambling profits by postponing the enforcement of the constitution.

The assembly codes committee will take action on the penal codes and the Percy-Gray amendments, and will report both to the governor to-morrow.

After a conference with Speaker Wadsworth, members of the assembly codes committee stated that they will accept the McCarren amendment.

Chairman Murphy said this was the probable course.

However, Speaker Wadsworth said: "If the governor takes the position that I am informed he does, I have grave doubts of the adoption of the amendment by the house."

Assemblyman Hart said: "I am opposed to the amendment and will fight as hard as I can against it."

Gov. Hughes refused to comment for quotation upon the action of the senate committee in amending the penal code bill, but he left not the slightest reason to believe that he will stand for the McCarren amendment.

Probably the governor will take the opportunity in the near future publicly to state his objection to the change, permitting race-track gambling to continue until September.

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POLICE TO PURSUE  
BENNING GAMBLERSDistrict Commissioners to  
Utilize Their Power.

## GET IT FROM CONGRESS

Maj. Sylvester Has Already Re-  
ceived His Instructions.Commissioner West Will Ask His  
Colleagues to Unite in a Letter  
to the District Attorney Asking if  
He Will Furnish Warrants Against  
Offenders at the Race Track—De-  
cision of Justice / Stafford.

Despite the opinion of Justice Stafford, handed down yesterday, sustaining the demurrer in the case of John Walters, the "perambulating" bookmaker, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia will use the police power vested in them by Congress, and will allow their instructions, issued to Maj. Sylvester several days ago, to make arrests at Benning, remain undisturbed.

Commissioner West will ask his fellow-Commissioners to unite in a letter to District Attorney Baker, asking whether he will furnish warrants against alleged offenders at the race track upon information furnished by the police.

If the district attorney declines, it is altogether probable, that a detail of detectives will be sent to the track on the opening day, and arrest every man who is found making a book.

Ready to Make a Raid.  
"The Commissioners and the police department stand ready to raid all the bookmakers who may assemble at the Benning race track," said Commissioner West, "and if, after they are arrested, they are turned loose, the responsibility will not be with the Commissioners."

Commissioner Macfarland said he had not yet had an opportunity to look at the full text of Justice Stafford's opinion sustaining the demurrer, and referring to himself and his fellow-Commissioners, he said:

"We shall do whatever is possible to break up race-track gambling. I